Revision of fare and freight rates

248. SHRI BHAGIRATHI MAJHI:
SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Railways have lately revised passenger fares and freight rates;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the contemplated impact of such changes on the railways' revenues, the passengers and goods traffic?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) to (c) While there has been no change in passenger fares, a minor change has been made in freight rates by changing classification of slag from Class-140 to Class-150. This will have marginal increase in earnings of about one crore in remaining part of financial year.

Rail hostage incident on Bengal-Orissa route

†249. SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the inquiry into the rail hostage incident that happened on Bengal-Orissa route, has been completed;

(b) whether hijackers are found to have links with political elements;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether any hijacker's group has claimed responsibility; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) to (e) A case has been registered in GRPS/ Jhargram on FIR lodged by Station Manager/ Jhargram. The matter has also been referred to Ministry of Home Affairs for necessary investigation.

Rail projects in Rajasthan

250. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of gauge conversion, doubling, new rail lines and electrification projects pertaining to the State of Rajasthan;

(b) whether her Ministry has taken any concrete steps for the early completion of above projects;

(c) if so, the details thereof project-wise, along with the time by when these projects are likely to be completed; and

(d) the new rail line proposals pertaining to Rajasthan, which were included in the Railway Budget (2009-10) and finally approved so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) to (c) Status of ongoing Railway Projects in the State of Rajasthan is given as under:

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi

(Rs. in Crore)

Sl.No.	Name of the Project	Anticipated Cost	Expenditure up to March' 09	Outlay 2009-10	Progress & Target date of completion (TDC), if any.
1	2	3	4	5	6
1	Ajmer-Pushkar new line (31.4 kms)	106.2	57.29	20.00	23.49 out of 27.75 lac cum earthwork, all 7 RUBs, 38 out of 43 minor bridges and 28500 cum out of 63000 cum ballast supply completed. Some land is yet to be handed over by State Govt. which is delaying project.
2	Bangurgram-Ras new line (27.8 kms)	125	0	17.91	Detailed estimate sanctioned. Land acquisition taken up.
3	Dausa-Gangapur City new line (92.67 kms)	410.08	73.20	10.00	20.95 out of 41.25 lac cum earthwork and 24 out of 77 minor bridges have been completed. Work on all major bridges taken up.
4	Ramganjmandi-Bhopal new line (262 kms)	368.13	19.6	20.00	16.60 out of 360 lakh cum earthwork completed. Bridgework taken up.
5	Ahmedabad-Himmatnagar-Udaipur gauge conversion (299.2 kms)	742.88	0	30.00	Final location survey completed. Detailed estimate prepared.
6	Ajmer-Phulera-Ringus-Rewari gauge conversion (294.97 kms)	716.64	566.82	100.00	Phulera-Ringus-Rewari (210 kms) has been completed and commissioned. Phulera-Ajmer is targeted for completion by March' 2010.
7	Bhildi-Samdari gauge conversion (223 kms)	352.44	386.64	70.00	Work is in advanced stage and targeted for completion during 2009-10.
8	Jaipur-Ringus-Churu & Sikar-Loharu gauge conversion (320.04 kms)	653.59	0	15.00	Preliminary action of preparation of plan, estimates & tender taken up.

1	2	3	4	5	6
9	Sadulpur-Bikaner & Ratangarh-Degana gauge conversion (394.35 kms)	681.69	272.94	175.00	Track liking on Sadulpur-Ratangarh-Degana has already been completed. The section will be commissioned after completion of residual work.
10	Sriganganagar-Sarupsar gauge conversion (116 kms)	168.8	32.02	25.00	Earthwork completed, bridgework and ballast supply taken up, likely to be completed in 2010-11
11	Suratpura-Hanumangarh-Sriganganagar gauge conversion (240.95 kms)	542	0	30.00	Detailed estimate sanctioned. Tender have been processed.
12	Alwar-Harsauli doubling (34.86 kms)	90.79	5.68	54.00	1.25 out of 1.3 lakh cum earthwork, 38 out of 55 minor bridges and 0.61 out of 0.94 lakh cum ballast supply completed. Work on 1 major bridge taken up.TDC-2009-10.
13	Dausa-Bandikui doubling (29.04 kms)	81	17.46	40.00	2.30 out of 3.3 lakh cum earthwork, 18 out of 25 minor bridges, total ballast supply and 0.62 out of 1.31 lakh cum blanketing completed. TDC-2010-11.
14	Jaipur-Dausa doubling (61.28 kms)	148.38	123.08	25.00	4.21 out of 4.84 lakh cum earthwork, 1.77 out of 1.78 lakh cum ballast supply, all minor &1 major bridge and 39 kms track linking has been completed. TDC-2009-10.
15	Harsauli-Rewari doubling (39.35 kms)	110.94	2.05	70.00	1.69 out of 2.85 lakh cum earthwork, 0.258 out of 0.85 lakh blanketing, 7 out of 38 minor bridges & 0.64 out of 1 .0 lakh cum ballast supply completed. TDC-2010-11.
16	Bina-Kota Railway Electrification (303 kms)	168.49	89.82	78.34	Work in progress and targeted for completion by March' 2010.

Projects will be progressed and completed as per availability of resources.

(d) The new rail connectivity proposals in Rajasthan announced in Budget 2009-10 are at survey stage. Further action will be taken for processing the proposals for approval once the surveys are completed.

Rail lines in Orissa

251. SHRI RAMA CHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the fate of Talcher-Bimlagarh Khordha-Bolangir Road-Dhanmendal Paradip Railway;

(b) whether it is a fact that the funds allotted for Orissa projects for 2007 and 2008 have not been fully utilized and the work of 2009 have not yet been started;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether Railways is considering to survey the proposal of Railway link to Dhamara port from Jajpur-Keonjhar Road *via* Baitarani-Navi Gaya Jajpur and Aradi to nationally famous Hindu pilgrims places?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) In Talcher-Bimlagarh New Rail Link, detailed estimate has been sanctioned and bridgework etc has been taken up between Km 0 to Km 25. Earthwork could not be taken up due to non- availability of land. Requisition for 52 villages including forest land has been filed for land acquisition. Special Land Acquisition Officer has been appointed and land acquisition has been taken up.

Khurda Road-Bolangir New Rail line is planned to be completed in five phases. Work has been taken up between Khurda Road to Begunia (36 Km) which is likely to be completed by February 2011.

Dhanmendal-Paradip: There is no sanctioned work by this name. However, the work of Haridaspur - Paradeep New Broad Gauge line has been sanctioned and the work is being executed by Rail Vikas Nigam Limited.

(b) and (c) Works on projects in Orissa are progressing. The funds allotted for Orissa projects for 2007 and 2008 have not been fully utilized due to various factors *e.g.* land acquisition, law & order, slow progress by contractors, formation of Special Purpose Vehicle, rise in steel prices and other allied factors.

(d) There is no such proposal at present.

Pending accident claims in tribunals

252. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of accident claims pending as on 1st November, 2009 with various Accident Claims Tribunal, Tribunal-wise;